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SUBJECT: SOVIET JEWRY

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1. KNOWLEDGEABLE JEWISH SOURCE INDICATED TO EMBOFF AUGUST 14 THAT HE HAS NO INFORMATION TO CONFIRM REPORT CONTAINED REFTTEL CONCERNING VALERIY PANOV. OWING TO LARGE NUMBER OF TELEPHONES OF JEWISH ACTIVISTS DISCONNECTED IN LENINGRAD AS WELL AS THAT OF PANOV, SOURCE SAID THAT COMMUNICATION BETWEEN ACTIVISTS IN TWO CITIES NOT ALWAYS SATISFACTORY, AND THEREFORE IT POSSIBLE THAT THERE DEVELOPMENTS IN PANOV CASE ABOUT WHICH MOSCOW SOURCES NOT AWARE.

2. SAME SOURCE SAID THAT CASE OF PANOV DISCUSSED IN LENGTHY MEETING AUGUST 9 BETWEEN BRONX BOROUGH PRESIDENT ABRAMS AND MINISTRY OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS OFFICIALS LED BY DEPUTY MINISTER VIKTOROV (WHO SUBSTITUTING FOR VACATIONING DEPUTY MINISTER SHUMILIN). ACCORDING TO SOURCE WHO SPENT CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF TIME WITH ABRAMS, VIKTOROV SAID PRINCIPAL DIFFICULTY IN PANOV CASE IS THAT NEITHER HE NOR WIFE IS JEWISH. NEVERTHELESS, VIKTOROV REPORTEDLY TOLD ABRAMS THAT CASE WILL BE RESOLVED SHORTLY, AND AUTHORITIES WILL PERMIT PANOV TO EMIGRATE WITH WIFE.

3. SOURCE SAYS THERE GENERAL FEELING AMONG JEWISH ACTIVISTS THAT THERE WILL BE SOME MOVEMENT ON "HARD CORE" CASES IN
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RELATIVELY NEAR FUTURE. THEY BELIEVE THERE HAS BEEN A MAJOR

REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS THAT HAVE BEEN REFUSED AND THAT IN MOST
CASES PREVIOUS REFUSALS HAVE BEEN OR ARE IN PROCESS OF BEING
REVERSED. JEWISH ACTIVISTS SPECULATE THAT QUESTION NOW BEING
CONSIDERED BY SOVIETS IS QUESTION OF TIMING OF ACTUAL DEPARTURES
WITH EYE TO HAVING MAXIMUM IMPACT ON MEMBERS OF CONGRESS
AS VOTING ON JACKSON AMENDMENT APPROACHES.
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